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1 **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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3 A method for using a three-dimensional, woven preform to assemble two components. The
4 woven preform is infused with an adhesive, and at least one surface of the preform is bonded to at
5 least one surface of one of the components using the adhesive within the preform. The other of the
6 components is attached to the preform, and this may occur with fasteners after the adhesive is cured
7 or by bonding the second component to the preform with the adhesive. Use of an adhesive, instead
8 of a resin, creates a stronger joint, especially with fiber-reinforcement of the adhesive. The thickness
9 of the compressible, three-dimensional weave provides for a larger dimensional tolerance at each
10 bond line.

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